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## Four Cities, School Board Meet Over Plans for Middle School

by Joan Whelan

Several members of the Prince George's County Board of Education met with representatives of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park on Thursday, September 13 to improve dialogue on issues of common concern. In particular, discussion focused on Board plans for the Greenbelt Middle School complex and for future school capacity needs.

The meeting was hosted by Berwyn Heights Mayor Chaye Calvo on behalf of the Four Cities Coalition. School Board members present were Rosalind Johnson (district 1), Heather Iliff (district 2), Pat Fletcher (district 3), Donna Hathaway Beck (at-large), Ron Watson (at-large) and Verjeana Jacobs (vice-chair).

With new development taking place in an environment of limited land resources for new school construction, attendees agreed that forward thinking and maximizing the use of available space are essential. They conceded the complexity of planning for estimated capacity needs and the difficulty of assessing to what degree new developments will move forward given the softening of the real es-

tate market. Greenbelt Crossing, next to the nursing home property on Greenbelt Road, was cited as one example of a development project that did not move forward for market reasons.

Meanwhile AIMCO, whose plans for Springhill Lake had previously included demolishing Springhill Lake Elementary School and replacing it on another site, is no longer engaged in negotiations with the Board for use of the original site. Board members confirmed that Springhill Lake Elementary will remain where it is.

Another complication is a recent proposal by Dr. John Deasy, schools superintendent. Titled Promoting Academic Success through Programmatic Enhancements and Boundary Adjustments, the proposal, in its earliest stages, would convert neighborhood schools, including Greenbelt Elementary and, in some scenarios, Berwyn Heights Elementary, to a grade Pre-K-8 configuration.

Middle schools, including Greenbelt Middle School, would be converted to a grade 6-7-8 configuration. In any case Springhill

Lake Elementary would continue to feed into Greenbelt Middle School.

### Greenbelt Middle

With AIMCO plans for Springhill Lake no longer requiring the building of a replacement elementary school on the site of the middle school, the Board of Education has resurrected Scheme D. This is a plan approved by the Board and the Prince George's County Council back in 2002 for renovating and rebuilding the middle school.

Adrian King, an architect in the Board's Department of Planning and Architectural Services, explained that Scheme D involves demolishing a portion of the current middle school, retaining historic portions as office space, building new classroom facilities and maintaining the existing bus lot.

Feasibility studies for Scheme D have yet to be completed. The Department of Planning and Architectural Services is in what they have described as "a footprint and schematic design

See **SCHOOL**, page 6



Gelila Mesfin is crowned this year's Miss Greenbelt by Kimberly Wynkoop while others look on.

## Meet 2007 Little, Junior, Miss Greenbelt Winners

by Paula Clinedinst

Jade Kienas, Julie Houchens and Gelila Mesfin have a few things in common: each has an infectious smile, each says she had a very busy but fun summer, and each looks forward to the year ahead. Kienas, 7, Houchens, 13, and Mesfin, 18, are Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt 2007.

### Miss Greenbelt

Gelila Mesfin, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), entered the pageant last year at the urging of her friend, Michelle Foster, also a contestant,

who was 4th Runner-Up, Miss Congeniality and Most Photogenic this year. After winning 1st Runner-up to Miss Greenbelt 2006 Kimberly Wynkoop, Mesfin thought about the pageant again this year and figured, "What have I got to lose?"

Now the high school senior will have to balance her role as Miss Greenbelt with her studies, a job as a hostess at Ruby Tuesday and working with the ERHS

See **WINNERS**, page 11

## Konrad Herling Seeks 3rd Term On Greenbelt City Council

Seven candidates have been certified for the November 6 Greenbelt City Council Election. Konrad Herling's biography is the fourth to be published in this paper. The biographies of the remaining candidates will be in subsequent issues.

Elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003, Konrad Herling, 54, has been serving Greenbelt for more than three decades. Constantly motivated by a goal of "bringing people together to unify the community," Herling founded the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1979, helped organize the Roosevelt Center charrette in 1985 and chaired the Community Relations Advisory Board in the late 1980s. During the 1990s, Herling served as the Master of Ceremonies for the "Greenbelt New Year's" programs, co-produced numerous informational interviews for Greenbelt Access Television and helped publicize the Labor Day Festival.

Recently he helped organize the first International Cultural Festival in 2006, an activity which Herling hopes will help build a more inclusive community; he currently serves on the festival's board. Working with a group of volunteers, he co-produced "Greenbelt in Focus," a news reel video shown before the feature film at Beltway Plaza's Stadium Academy Theaters. The purpose of the video is to educate



Konrad Herling

movie viewers about Greenbelt and to promote volunteerism and participation in Greenbelt activities. He serves on the board of Greenbelt Access Television and also has provided assistance to the Utopia Film Committee, which has brought a number of original, exceptional films to Greenbelt. In 2001 Herling received the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen award.

Herling is a broadcast analyst for the Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau, where he has worked since 1977 conducting legal research. He has received numerous awards for meritorious service resolving legal issues related to the sale, licensing and construction of radio stations and other broadcasters' concerns, including one of the

highest honors bestowed on civil service employees at the agency.

Since joining the council in November 2003 Herling has worked with his colleagues in its negotiations to move developers of Greenbelt West to provide affordable housing, open space, and adequate recreational and educational facilities. As a member of the Washington Council of Government's (COG) "Metropolitan Development Committee" he co-wrote a grant application to COG's newly formed regional clearinghouse. The Transportation and Land Use Connection Grant funding, if awarded, will go toward providing personnel to work with residents and current transportation providers such as Metro and the county, to design a streamlined, consolidated intracity transportation program.

Herling feels that Greenbelt, through better transportation, can be a leader in demonstrating how a city can be less dependent on oil, ease access for all residents to get together for social, recreational, cultural events. Further, Herling has advocated that the city reach out with greater efforts to secure input from the disabled community as the city continues its efforts to create safer ways for everyone to travel and walk throughout town.

Herling also serves on the  
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## Weekend Charrette Looks At Future of Greenbelt

by Frank DeBernardo

A weekend-long gathering of residents, leaders, architects and planners will determine how well one of America's first planned communities will preserve its historic legacy while adapting to 21st century challenges of suburban sprawl, spiraling housing costs, environmental degradation and loss of community identity.

On the weekend of September 28 to 30 (see schedule in last paragraph and in the ad on page 16 of this issue), Greenbelt residents concerned about the

future of this city will gather at Greenbelt Elementary School, to engage in a process of presentations, discussions, brainstorming and feedback with the goal of devising a plan that can be implemented over the next 30 years as Greenbelt prepares for its 100th anniversary in 2037.

The weekend project is the centerpiece of a more comprehensive planning effort called the Greener Greenbelt Initia-

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### What Goes On

**Friday, September 28, 6:30 p.m., through Sunday, September 30, 2:30 p.m.** – Greener Greenbelt Charrette, Greenbelt Elementary School

**Monday, October 1**

**7 p.m.**, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

**8 p.m.**, City Council Worksession with Roosevelt Center Merchants (stakeholders) with Briefing on Cameras, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

**Thursday, October 4**

**7 p.m.**, GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

**7:30 p.m.**, GEAC Meet the Candidates Forum, Greenbriar Community Center

**Saturday, October 6**

**2 to 6 p.m.**, Fall Festival at Schrom Hills Park

**Sunday, October 7**

**1 to 5 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Monday, October 8** – Last Day to Register to Vote in City Council Election



# Letters

## Feels Left Out

Bella was disappointed she didn't appear in the News Review for the Pooch Plunge this year. It would have been her 5th consecutive year in the paper.

She wanted everyone to know how much braver she's become. (Just last year, she was a bit embarrassed when you printed a fabulously cute but somewhat unflattering photo of her resolutely gripping Linda/mom while in the pool.) She's worked very hard and this year, Bella has perfected the delicate toe testing of the water as she prepares to dive in (although she still can't read).

*Linda Guttman*

## GEAC Candidates Night Is October 4

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its customary Meet the Candidates night for the Greenbelt council election at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4 in the Greenbriar Condominiums Community Center at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road.

This forum provides an opportunity for all Greenbelt voters to hear the views of all city council candidates. The same questions are submitted to all candidates in advance and they are given a few minutes to respond orally. The number of minutes depends on how many candidates attend.

GEAC also reminds voters that the voter registration deadline is Monday, October 8 (by 4:30 p.m., at the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro) and that any registered Greenbelt voter may choose to vote absentee.

## 2nd Candidate Forum Is on Environment

The Greenbelt Environmental Voters' Project will hold a candidate forum focusing on environmental issues on Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The forum will allow voters to hear all candidates' views and level of knowledge about a range of local environmental issues. The Environmental Voters' Project aims to ask all candidates serious, thoughtful questions and to provide a forum in which candidates will be able to speak and be questioned in depth about these subjects. The sole mission of this ad hoc group of Greenbelters is to produce the forum and ensure that voters get good information about the candidates' knowledge and opinions.

The Environmental Voters' Project has been convened by a small group of local citizens who are active in organizations that focus on the environment, clean water and air, sustainable building and transportation, land conservation and other environmental issues. The group will not issue a scorecard or make formal group endorsements.

Citizens sponsoring this forum include Susan Barnett, Maggie Cahalan, Steve Kane, Jeff Pedalty and Alan Turnbull. Other individuals who would like to help produce the event are invited to contact one of the sponsors for more information.

Contact Alan Turnbull by email at [turnbull@greenbelt.com](mailto:turnbull@greenbelt.com) or by phone at 301-982-6460 for details.

# Seven File for Election To Greenbelt City Council

Seven candidates have been certified by Greenbelt City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher for the official ballot for the November 6 election of five members to the Greenbelt City Council. Five of the candidates, Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach are incumbent councilmembers seeking reelection. Kelly Ivy unsuccessfully sought this office in the 2005 election. Ruth Kastner has also filed previously as a candidate.

An eighth person, William Orleans, filed nomination papers but was not certified as a candidate by Gallagher because of inability to verify city residency. The city clerk's decision could be appealed.

In Greenbelt all five councilmembers are elected at-large for two-year terms. The mayor is a member of the council and is elected by the councilmembers. Traditionally the mayor is the person receiving the greatest number of votes in the election.

On Monday, September 24 names were drawn to determine the order of appearance of candidates' names on the ballot. The official ballot listing is as follows:

Konrad E. Herling  
Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.  
Ruth E. Kastner  
Edward V. J. Putens  
Rodney M. Roberts  
Leta M. Mach  
Judith F. Davis

## We Ask Four Questions Of Council Candidates

As in past city election years, the News Review will once again ask council candidates to respond to questions we pose in order to help voters gain a better understanding of the views of each office seeker. Their answers will be published in future issues of the paper before the November 6 city election.

This year we will be asking four questions. The answers to the questions will be published during the month of October with the first question's answers published October 4, the second question's answers published October 11, etc.

Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review offices before 9 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably on disk or by email. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off.

### Questions

- 1. What is the most important thing you would like to accomplish if elected to council? Explain.** (Responses due October 1 for the October 4 issue.)
- 2. Greenbelt West residents are not represented on the city council and not well represented on the city's boards and committees. Should something be done about this?** (Due October 8 for October 11 issue.)
- 3. What further steps, if any, should the city council take to reduce crime in Greenbelt? How can the city fund these initiatives?** (Due October 15 for October 18 issue.)
- 4. List the city services for which you feel added expenditures are needed and those city services for which you feel expenditure cuts should be made? Do you expect such changes will increase or decrease city real estate tax levies?** (Due October 22 for October 25 issue.)

## Your Vote IS Your Voice

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## Are You Registered?



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### BOARD MEETING

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Thursday, OCTOBER 4, 2007

### GHI BOARD ROOM

### 7:00 PM

#### Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Modification of G/S Window to Entry Door, 5H Plateau
- Proposed Use of an Unapproved Trim Color, 34D Ridge Road
- Proposed Rule Change, Fences
- Proposed Rule Change, Major Improvements
- 2007 Fall Concrete Contract - 1st reading
- Yard Line Certification: 1 Westway
- Contribution Request – New Deal Café
- Charrette Debriefing

Regular Board Meetings are Open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

### Grin Belt



"I'll save all my pine cones for a muscle car like this!"

## U.S. Court to Hear ICC Oral Arguments Oct. 1

The Southern Maryland Federal District Court in Greenbelt is scheduled to hear oral arguments concerning some of the issues raised by opponents to the Intercounty Connector (ICC) on Monday, October 1 at 2 p.m. Judge Alexander Williams is to preside. The main issue to be considered is the contention of the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States and others that the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Maryland State Highway Administration used a decision-making process that violates the National Environmental Policy Act. Other issues related to the suit, such as court acceptance of an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief by a group of Prince George's politicians, including all members of the Greenbelt City Council, may be heard.

A second court hearing is scheduled for October 29 on that portion of the suit challenging the ICC.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, October 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

## GHI Notes

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 28 – 30,** Greener Greenbelt Charrette at Greenbelt Elementary School

**Tuesday, October 2,** 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations meeting

**Thursday, October 4,** 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

**Saturday, October 6,** 11:15 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

All events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, October 1 through Friday, October 5 include:

Monday – Navy bean soup with crackers, hamburger on a bun with mustard and relish, lettuce and sliced tomato, potato salad, bag of pretzels, slice of melon.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, California mixed vegetables, canned pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad, sliced beets and onions, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked chicken with gravy, cornbread stuffing, chopped collards, canned peaches.

Friday – Cranapple juice, veal patty with tomato sauce, chopped spinach, two sugar cookies.

## Arts Marketing Workshop Sat.

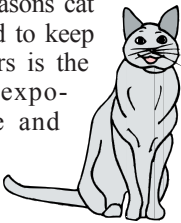
The Prince George’s Arts Council will present another ARTS SMARTS workshop Saturday, September 29 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, led by nationally known arts administrator Cheryl Goodman.

This free workshop, “How to Market Your Arts Organization” (or your art), is open to artists of all genres and arts professionals. Spaces are limited and reservations are required. RSVP to [vrussell@artspg.org](mailto:vrussell@artspg.org) by COB Friday, September 28.

## A Word to Wise Vis a vis Cats

One of the reasons cat owners are urged to keep their pets indoors is the possibility of exposure to disease and injury. The News Review received calls last week from two residents concerned about reports that a feral cat with FELV/HIV had been trapped near the 57 Court of Ridge and later destroyed when test results showed it was infected with feline leukemia/AIDS.

In response to an inquiry, Greenbelt Animal Control Officer Susie Hall told the News Review this is emphasized in all the education efforts done by Animal Control. While Hall was unfamiliar with the particular trapping effort or cat with FELV/HIV and points out this disease is not transmittable to people as is rabies, the disease is a threat to domestic cats. She says that in the five years the city has been testing for FELV/HIV about six have tested positive so it is not at epidemic levels but is something all pet owners should be aware can affect freely-roaming house cats.



## Senior Center Shows “North by Northwest”

On Monday, October 1 at 1 p.m., the Greenbelt Senior Center will show Alfred Hitchcock’s “North by Northwest” in the Senior Lounge, Room 111 at the Greenbelt Community Center. In the movie, self-assured Madison Avenue executive Roger O. Thornhill (Cary Grant) inadvertently gets involved with international spies when they mistake him for someone else. His problems are compounded when he’s framed for murder. He gets involved in a series of misadventures and is pursued across the states by both the spies and the government while being helped by a beautiful blonde (Eva Marie Saint). This is the movie in which the stars dangle from the faces of Mount Rushmore and a plane chases Grant through farm fields.

Plenty of plot twists are mixed with tongue-in-cheek humor. This is considered by many to be one of Hitchcock’s greatest films.

## GES Walk to School On Wed., October 3

On Wednesday, October 3, Greenbelt Elementary School students will join kids from around the world on International Walk to School Day.

All students as well as parents, teachers and community leaders are being encouraged to walk or bicycle to school next Wednesday.

The event is being organized in partnership with the PTA, school administration and teachers and Greenbelt leaders including the Recreation and Police Departments. Local elected officials are invited to walk with the students and their parents.

Walkers will convene at three locations in Greenbelt neighborhoods. At 8:30 a.m. a group will set out from Greenbelt East, assembling first near the east side of the Spellman Overpass. Another group will meet at Roosevelt Center and leave that location also at 8:30. The third group will meet at the playground on Ridge Road at Plateau Place and set off at 8:45 a.m.

International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states and children and adults in 40 countries. The event emphasizes pedestrian safety, healthful physical activity, concern for the environment and the role of walking and bicycling in building stronger families, schools and communities.

For additional local information call Alan Turnbull at 301-385-0484 (cell phone).

## Singing Recital At Café Thursday

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a student recital at the New Deal Café on Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m. Come hear solo and group performances by singing students. For more information call Trakhtenberg at 301-437-2730.

## School Volunteers To Get Free Checks

Greenbelt residents who want to volunteer this school year at Greenbelt Elementary or one of the other Greenbelt public schools will have an opportunity to have the required fingerprint background check completed at no charge Tuesday, October 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

As of last year, all volunteers in county schools must undergo a background check. The cost of the required check is \$66 but the Prince George’s County Public School system will only cover the cost if the volunteer agrees to give 30 hours of service over the coming year. All Greenbelt schools are in serious need of volunteers. If a resident is interested in volunteering but has not yet contacted a school, they should do so immediately to get on their list for free security checks. Then go to Greenbelt Elementary School for the processing on Tuesday.

### LWML Flea Market (no outside vendors)

**Saturday, October 6**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

In the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6905 Greenbelt Rd  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

**WEEK OF SEPT. 28**

### In the Shadow of the Moon (PG)

Friday

\*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

\*3, \*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

\*3, \*5:10, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

\*5:10, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pgtheatres.com](http://www.pgtheatres.com)

## Friends of Still Creek Help to Clean Up

Friends of Still Creek will participate in National Public Lands Day at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, September 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.

People are asked to celebrate Public Lands Day by helping to clean up Still Creek.

Meet at the intersection of northbound Kenilworth Avenue and Good Luck Road. Park on the shoulder, bring gloves.

See [stillcreekwatershed.org](http://stillcreekwatershed.org) for more information.

For more  
community events  
see page 7.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 5 p.m.  
Are ONLY \$5.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

### Week of Sept. 28

FRI. – SAT.

Halloween, R (!)

5:05, 7:45, 10

Dragon Wars, PG-13 (!)

12:20, 2:35

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)

12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10

Game Plan, PG (!)

12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30

Kingdom, R (!)

12:10, 1, 2:45, 4, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 10, 10:30

Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)

12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:15, 9:45

The Brave One, R (!)

1, 4, 7:15, 10

Good Luck Chuck, R (!)

12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45

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5:05, 7:45

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Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)

12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:15

The Brave One, R (!)

1, 4, 7:15

Good Luck Chuck, R (!)

12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:15

MON. – THUR.

Halloween, R (!)

6:30, 8:45

Dragon Wars, PG-13 (!)

1:40, 4:30

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)

1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 8

Game Plan, PG (!)

1:20, 4, 6:30, 9

Kingdom, R (!)

1, 1:20, 3:30, 4, 6:15, 6:30, 8:45, 9

Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)

1:20, 4, 7, 9:15

The Brave One, R (!)

1, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45

Good Luck Chuck, R (!)

1, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45

## GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 13th, 2007**

**9:00am to 2:00pm**

**(Rain or Shine)**

**7600 Hanover Parkway  
(301) 441-1096**

**There will be up to 20 vendors present  
along with a hot dog stand and  
other light refreshments for sale.**



# Obituaries

## Hattie Anderson

Hattie Elizabeth Thigpen Anderson, 82, died in Marlboro, N.J., on July 2, 2007, following a short battle with cancer.



A longtime Greenbelt resident, Mrs. Anderson and her husband Martin moved to Cherry Hill, N.J. in 2004 to be near their son.

Born December 17, 1924, in Scotland Neck, N.C., Hattie Elizabeth Thigpen was the fourth of six children of Dr. Harry G. Thigpen and his wife Hattie. She was proud of her southern roots.

Following graduation from Scotland Neck High School in 1942 she worked for the Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. During the latter stages of World War II, she also took courses at George Washington University.

After the war she attended the Women's College of the University of North Carolina where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in chemistry. After graduation she worked as a chemist at Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C. She then moved to Baltimore where she took a position with Calvert Distilling Company where she met her future husband who worked in the same lab. On December 18, 1954, Martin and Hattie were married. Their first child Hattie Elizabeth was born in November 1955.

After working with Davidson Chemical Company which had a policy that women with families could not remain in their employ she moved on and worked as a librarian at W.R. Grace and Co. even after sons Nels (b. 1959) and Hassell (b. 1963) were born. By this time the family had moved to Greenbelt where she lived at I-H Gardenway.

In the late 1960s she began an almost 30-year career at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory where she created the Management and Contract Information Service (MACIS) which was set up to facilitate the sharing and retrieval of sensitive US Navy research information.

Tragedy struck the family on April 19, 1981, when their son Nels, an engineering student at the University of New Brunswick, died in a tragic accident.

After retiring as project manager in 1996 of MACIS at the age of 71 she began a new career as nanny for her grandchildren.

In 2004 the Andersons moved to Cherry Hill, N.J. to be near the family of their son Hassell. Although proud of her service

in the US Navy, Mrs. Anderson was most proud of the legacy she left of her children and her grandchildren.

She is survived by husband Martin, daughter H. Elizabeth Patterson, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and her children, Malcolm, 13, Calder, 11 and Heather, 6, Patterson; son Hassell and his children Nels, 8, Griffin, 4 and twins Shea Estelle and Robyn Hattie, 2 weeks, Anderson.

When she became ill with cancer she determined to live long enough to know that her newest grandchildren had been delivered safely. The twins were born less than a week before Mrs. Anderson died.

A funeral was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield, N.J. Interment will be at a later date in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

## Mary Virginia Haker

Mary Virginia Haker, a life-long resident of Greenbelt, died suddenly on September 5, 2007, from complications of the flu, at the age of 55. Known as "Mary Ginny" to her friends, she was the youngest child of Frances and the late Martin Haker, Sr. of Ridge Road.



Ms. Haker was born and raised in Greenbelt. She attended St. Hugh's parochial school and Regina High School and graduated from St. Mary's College in southern Maryland with a bachelor's degree. At the time of her death she was working for Goldin and Stafford as an accountant.

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### Greenbelt Baptist Church

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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

**Welcome!**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting/Bible Study</b>

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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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The central theme of Bahá'u'lláh's message is that humanity is one single race and that the day has come for its unification in one global society. God, Bahá'u'lláh said, has set in motion historical forces that are breaking down traditional barriers of race, class, creed, and nation and that will, in time, give birth to a universal civilization. The principal challenge facing the peoples of the earth is to accept the fact of their oneness and to assist the processes of unification.



### Greenbelt Bahá'i Community


1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
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## Learn About Islam

## Ramadan Fast Explained

Muslims are observing the lunar month of Ramadan (mid-Sept. to mid-Oct.) by fasting. This is explained by God as a blessing in the following verse, "Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Qur'an, as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who witnesses this month, should spend it in fasting, but if anyone is ill or on a journey, (then they may not fast and) the prescribed period (should be made up) by days later. God intends ease for you; He does not intend hardship for you. (He wants you) to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him, in that He has guided you; and perchance you shall be grateful." —The Holy Qur'an, 2:185

To learn more about Ramadan and Islam in general, please email us at info@searchislam.org or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.searchislam.org.



## Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)  
**Sept. 30: The Rapture and What We Should Do (Part 2)**

Pastor Lou Redd  
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**September 30, 10 a.m.**  
To Question Is the Answer  
2 Questionbox "Sermons"

by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister, with Leo Jones, Paint Brancher

— Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

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**Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**  
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301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**





### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen • Cantor Phil Greenfield

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*except first Friday of each month when family services begin at 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday Morning Services: 9:30 a.m.**  
*Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

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**Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, Sept. 26**  
*Dairy Potluck Dinner 6 p.m., services 7:30 p.m.*

**Simchat Torah Begins Thur., Oct 4**  
*Services and Israeli dancing for the entire family: 7:30 p.m.*

**Concert by The New Klezmer Quintet with Ramon Tasat**  
**Sunday, Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m.**  
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A dual affiliated synagogue – Conservative and Reconstructionist  
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### Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, September 30  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM







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phase.” However, funding has been committed for Scheme D and the Board’s Capital Improvement Program funding plan for 2009-2014 slates the completion of the new Greenbelt Middle School by August 2009.

**Communication Problems**  
Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis noted the difficulty the city has encountered in seeking dialogue and input to the Board about Greenbelt Middle School. She cited a letter from 2002 outlining the city’s concerns with Scheme D, including the need to increase capacity at the school, make it a two-story complex, incorporate the historical portions of the existing school and protect surrounding woodlands. She also stressed the importance of green building techniques in any new school construction.

While the city’s concerns had received no formal response in five years, School Boardmember Pat Fletcher contended that Greenbelt’s concerns have been addressed in the concept and early schematics for Scheme D. She noted that she was not at liberty to disclose further details or plans to the municipalities and other stakeholders but that as soon as the feasibility phase is complete and more detailed schematics are formally presented to the Board, a period of consultation with the community will begin.

Councilmember Konrad Herling noted that in addition to the physical environment, there are concerns as well over the educational environment within the walls at Greenbelt Middle School. He asked whether efforts would be made “to significantly reduce the student-teacher ratio, because if we don’t, we can’t significantly improve education.”

**Capacity Needs**  
While Scheme D would increase capacity at Greenbelt Middle School from its current 882 to 990, Mayor Calvo noted the difficulty in judging if this was an adequate increase in capacity given Superintendent Deasy’s proposal to create new school boundaries throughout the county based on a Pre-K-8 grade configuration. At issue was whether the site plan would need to leave adequate square footage for a possible future new elementary school.

New development in the northern inner-Beltway corridor was recognized as another confounding factor in assessing future needs. Several large-scale developments currently planned in Greenbelt alone – Greenbelt Station, the AIMCO/Springhill Lake redevelopment and new plans for a residential complex at Beltway Plaza – could create more than 6,500 new housing units in Greenbelt alone.

Because these potential developments are in various stages of planning and approval, and because a weakening real estate market could hamper developer enthusiasm, those present found it difficult to know what and when population increases are in store. Further, there is no widely accepted pupil yield formula to calculate future capacity needs based on numbers of housing units. Many municipalities utilize their own formulas and most, Watson

Potential New Housing Units in Greenbelt Greenbelt Station	
South core (cap)	983
North core (cap)	67
Beltway Plaza	1,400
Springhill Lake	2,911*
TOTAL	6,561
*5,800 total units in Springhill Lake	
Source: City of Greenbelt, Department of Planning and Community Development	

said, “just don’t pass the sanity test.” He went on to explain that formulas are not good indicators of future school needs. The size of the housing unit and other factors can greatly influence the number of children in the household, he said.

Iliff said that “the State of Maryland doesn’t allow future development to dictate hard dollar, bricks and mortar investments. The state bases its own capacity assessments on live births only, not projections for the future.”

**Developer Responsibilities**  
Greenbelt Councilmembers Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts both took strong stands on the role of real estate developers in ensuring that future school capacity needs can be met. Putens said that developers should be required to identify appropriate land resources for new schools as part of their site planning.

Roberts contended, “It’s up to elected officials to hold developers’ feet to the fire to provide resources necessary to educate our kids. It shouldn’t be laid at the feet of the school board.”

With both the municipalities and the Board lacking land use authority, the assembled mayors, city council members and school board members commented on their lack of presence at the negotiating table when new deals are made. Both the cities and school system lack ability to dictate terms, such as school impact fees, or to make approval of development plans contingent upon available land for future schools.

The School Board has rejected calls for an area task force on schools focused on the northern inner-Beltway corridor because, as Watson explained, the Board’s focus has to be on students throughout the county and not simply in the one area he described as “one of the most organized and focused communities around.”

However, Watson did describe previous attempts to encourage the county council to lead a county-wide task force on the issue. Council never embraced the proposal, he said.

Mayor Stephen Brayman, of College Park, seized on the idea of increased dialogue with the county, urging that each municipality seek to get county councilmembers engaged with both the cities and the schools. There was broad consensus in the room that this was the best path forward to ensuring that smart development leaves room for education.

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Prince George’s County’s Municipal Association, has participated with the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association and has served in the Maryland Municipal League on MML’s Telecommunications Committee and with the National League of Cities focused on learning from other communities’ effective strategies to provide services more efficiently, as well as the importance of building inclusive communities.

Additionally, Herling hopes in a new term to advocate that the city fully explore a more pro-active role in key aspects of economic development: marketing the many assets the town offers, applying for arts district designation and implementing the community input derived from the Greener Initiative, both for the purpose of working with GHI to build a greener, more sustainable and vibrant original Greenbelt and as an invaluable model which could be used in designing planned community alternatives for Greenbelt West development. (Biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

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tive (GGI), co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects-Potomac Valley chapter and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the cooperative housing association that now maintains Greenbelt’s original housing stock built during the Great Depression by the federal government.

The GGI has selected four topics on which to focus attention: affordability, sustainability, livability, and historic preservation. “Putting our energy in these categories will help to preserve the ideals of Greenbelt’s progressive legacy, while at the same time adapting that legacy to the current citizens’ dreams for the future,” explained GGI co-chair Carl Elefante, AIA, LEED, principal at Quinn Evans Architects in Washington, DC.

The weekend gathering, known in architectural language as a “charrette,” will examine the ideas of affordability, sustainability, livability and historic preservation on four dimension scales: the individual housing units of GHI, the historic town shopping and recreation center, the rest of old Greenbelt and the city and region.

“For design and planning to be successful, a comprehensive view must be taken,” said GGI co-chair Jim Cohen, the director of urban studies and planning at the University of Maryland, College Park. “To realize the potential of the citizens’ visions, designers and planners need to examine not just isolated buildings but the complex systems of transportation, energy, commerce, education, recreation.”

Sylvia Lewis, president of GHI, noted that the charrette promises to be a watershed moment in the history of the housing cooperative, the city and, eventually, the U.S. housing field. “Greenbelt’s history is filled with



Our sympathy to Frances Haker of Ridge Road on the death of her daughter Mary Virginia on September 5, 2007, and condolences to all the Haker family.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the July 2, 2007 death of former 1 Court Gardenway resident Hattie Elizabeth Thigpen Anderson in Marlboro, N.J.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**  
– to local teachers Joyce Erb-Appleman at Berwyn Heights Elementary School and Karuna Skariah at Robert Goddard Middle School, who were among eight national board-certified county teachers “pinned” Tuesday night in a ceremony by the Board of Education at the Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville. The teachers achieved the prestigious national board certification during the 2006-2007 school year.  
– to the following Eleanor Roosevelt High School students who Wednesday were named

among 1,700 black American high school seniors designated semifinalists in the 2008 National Achievement Scholarship Program: Modupe O. Adepoju, Jonelle K. Agurs, Devin R. Holland, Chinwe C. Madubata, Brandon M. Sanders, Michael Sesay, Lena V. Smoot and Fialelei D. Williams. Initiated in 1964, the program recognizes promising black students nationally for achievement scholarship awards – as semi-finalists the eight students continue in competition for 800 scholarships of over \$2.5 million to be awarded next spring.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.  
– Kathleen McFarland

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on September 28 – 30 at Greenbelt Elementary School



# Community Events

## Annual Fall Fest Is Saturday, October 6

Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway south of Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt East will again be the location for the city’s annual Fall Fest. This year’s events will take place on Saturday, October 6 from 2 to 6 in the afternoon. Musical entertainment will be by “Just Us.” The group features Greenbelt’s own Paula Clinedinst. Family events include Pumpkin Patch, tie-dye T-shirts, Kidcare IDs, Adopt-a-Pet, Moonbounces, hayrides, recycling games, face painting, carnival games and information tables. Fall Fest is free to the public. However, food and beverages will sold to benefit community groups.

For information telephone 301-307-2208. The weather hotline is 301-474-5525.

## Klezmer Quintet, Taset Concert at Synagogue

The New Klezmer Quintet with guest artist Cantor Ramon Tasat will perform in a one-night only concert at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, September 30 at 7 p.m. Tasat is well known in Washington Jewish circles as a cantor, guitarist and composer.

The concert will consist of improvised versions of Tasat’s renditions of Israeli and Sephardic Ladino songs in addition to Ashkenazic Klezmer melodies. Reservations are strongly recommended. It is suspected that this concert will also sell out. Once all seats are taken, no other tickets will be sold.

For advance online ticket sales go to [www.newkezmerquintet.com](http://www.newkezmerquintet.com). For advance non-online sales call Mishkan Torah Synagogue at 301-474-4223. To learn more visit [www.mishkantorah.org/klezmer.htm](http://www.mishkantorah.org/klezmer.htm).

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is at 10 Ridge Road.

## Harvest Arts, Crafts Fair Next Weekend

by Barbara Logan

The 4th annual Fall Harvest Festival Arts and Crafts Fair to be held in Roosevelt Center Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will feature music, art, crafts and “how-to” instruction.

Locally recognized fused glass artist Tina Van Pelt will demonstrate her craft and will offer fair-goers the opportunity to learn how to make their own fused glass pendant. There is a fee for the hands-on individual instruction and fused glass pendant.

During the fair people will also be able to have their portraits hand drawn. There will be a variety of handcrafted items for sale at the fair including silver jewelry, jewelry featuring fused glass, purses, polymer clay items, note cards, silk clothing, artwork, photography and baked goods.

A variety of live music – honky-tonk, acoustic folk, bluegrass, country and jazz – will be provided throughout the two-day event.

The event is produced by the New Deal Café and is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George’s County. For information call Barbara Logan at 301-474-1979.

## Raiders Boys & Girls Club Football Report

by Coach Jim Inzeo

The Greenbelt Raiders opened their home season with four games going 1-3-0. Even though the Raiders lost three games, all were very close, competitive affairs.

The 85-lb. team started the day off playing game one at 9 a.m. Glenarden was their opponent. The game remained tied until the last play of the game when Glenarden’s QB rolled out to his right and hit his WR in the right flat of the end zone to win the game 12-6.

The 85-lb. team’s next game is Saturday, September 29 at 3:15 p.m. in Kentland at the Peppermill Community Center on Hill Road.

The 95-lb. team also tangled with Glenarden this past Saturday with the same result, losing 10-13. The 95-lb. team next plays Saturday, September 29 at 9 a.m. at Palmer Park.

Greenbelt’s 65-lb. team hosted Ports Town this past Saturday. This was its second regular season game. On September 15 the 65-lb. team lost at S. Bowie, 7-6. Unfortunately for the Raiders the result this week was the same – the score Glenarden 14, Greenbelt 12.

The 65-lb. team’s next game is at Glenarden Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m.

The 75-lb. Raider team was victorious this past Saturday, thrashing the visiting Palmer Park boys. The final score was Greenbelt 28, Palmer Park 6. They will play Saturday, September 29 at 9 a.m. at S. Bowie.

## City Notes

The street and special detail crews installed the Observatory at Northway Ballfields.

Refuse and recycling collected 31.96 tons of refuse and 15.28 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials from the regularly scheduled routes.

## Explorations Hosts “Laughter Yoga” Oct. 5

On Friday, October 5 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Angela Mason, a Certified Holistic Health Counselor and Certified Laughter Yoga Leader. Mason will introduce Laughter Yoga. No special mats or aerobic equipment is needed – just the willingness to act happy. “Laughter,” she says, “is used as a tool not an emotion to help manage our daily challenges.”

Mason is a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition affiliated with Columbia University Teacher’s College in New York and certified through the Dr. Kataria School of Laughter Yoga.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held in the Greenbelt Community Center at 1 p.m. This presentation will be in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## City Offers Free Youth Knitting Class

The Greenbelt Community Center will sponsor a free introductory knitting class this fall for children ages 7 to 14.

Long valued as a practical and creative art, knitting is also a great learning tool, helping children to develop manual dexterity, math and spatial recognition skills. Most important, children find it calming and satisfying to work with fibers, producing heirlooms for family and friends. Taught by volunteers, the class will meet Wednesday afternoons from 5 to 6 p.m. beginning October 10 and will run for six weeks. All materials are provided due to contributions by local donors. The class is open to girls and boys but space is limited.

For more information and to register call 240-542-2060 or email [mmische@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:mmische@greenbeltnmd.gov).

## Kliman’s Artwork Coming to New Deal

Ted Kliman’s paintings and drawings will be exhibited at the New Deal Café beginning September 30 on through October. Kliman’s “Mysteries and Meditations,” a large body of works consisting of large black and white oil paintings, newer smaller paintings on paper and Conte crayon/charcoal drawings have most recently been exhibited at Harmony Hall Regional Center and the U.S. District Courthouse in Greenbelt. Many of the large works, representing 12 years of dedication to this series, have been exhibited across the U.S. in various venues. Often asked what is his inspiration, Kliman replies, “I didn’t set out to make these paintings but as happens so often in art, things occur accidentally.” Here, “I was embarking on a difficult artistic path: the fusion of realism and conceptualism.”

Provoked by the inconceivable horror of the Holocaust, Kliman says that “. . . grief and suffering are universal. I feel these paintings are symbolic and identifiable for people of all religions and cultures.” Ori Soltes, professor



of art and religion at Georgetown University, has said that these paintings “convey the emotional content of memory . . . they take on the contours of figures . . . which are eerily absent.”

### Reception

A public reception will be held at the Café on Sunday, October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Mysteries and Meditations” exhibit is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from Prince George’s County.

Even more local arts events  
on pages 8 and 12.



## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Art & Music Festival

Roosevelt Center Free!  
October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Arts and Crafts Show  
10am - 5pm Sat 11am - 4pm Sun

Twang Music Showcase  
11am - 7pm Saturday

the Greenbelt Drum Circle • Geff King  
Rain Crow • the Druthers • Jump-da-Croc  
Hannah Spiro

8 pm Danbert Nobacon  
inside the New Deal Café - touring Political Poet,  
Songwriter and Spoken Word Artist

Noon - 7pm Sunday  
Don’t tell Bob • the Scrub Pines • Hillbilly Junction  
BanjerDan • Magic Ray Jazz

Join us at 7 pm for the first Sunday art opening  
featuring Sarah Craze (front room) and  
Ted Kliman (back room)

This event is produced by the New Deal Café co-op with help from Public Works and the generous contributions from people like you.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt, and Prince George’s County.

Share details about your organization’s activities  
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# Fall Music Festival Comes To Roosevelt Center

by Leslie Brothers, New Deal Café

Those looking for early holiday gifts and free entertainment to boot will want to come to the Fall Harvest Arts and Music Festival in Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt October 6 and 7. Groove to a variety of music in the middle of the plaza while perusing the crafty tents and displays, starting with Greenbelt's own open jam Drum Circle at 11 a.m. The rest of the Saturday line-up includes local Greenbelter Geff King ([www.myspace.com/geffking](http://www.myspace.com/geffking)), bass player, guitarist and songwriter. King is a WAMMY (2006) winner who plays bass with Karen Collins and the Backroads Band. Rain Crow ([www.myspace.com/raincrowdc](http://www.myspace.com/raincrowdc)) melds psychedelia and folk for power pop with roughish edges – music for a sunny day. For folk rock, stop and listen to “The Druthers” ([www.druthers.net](http://www.druthers.net)) for a while. Jumpdacroc ([www.myspace.com/jumpdacroc](http://www.myspace.com/jumpdacroc)) is a band of singer-songwriters from Pasadena, Md., with a clean, acoustic sound. Hanna Spiro ([www.hannahspiro.com](http://www.hannahspiro.com)) finishes the outdoor stage at 5 p.m. Influenced by Nathalie Merchant, Aimee Mann, Melissa and Ani, she's still got her own style. The music continues inside the New Deal Café at 8 p.m. with Danbert Nobacon ([www.danbertnobacon.com](http://www.danbertnobacon.com)), who performed as part of Chumbawamba for over 20 years and is now and again striking out on his own. He will be playing songs from his

new album, “The Library Book of the World” out on Bloodshot Records. The album has been described as “the first global warming album” and “the first post-9-11 album with any teeth.” The live performance is an explosive mix of music, spoken word and satire delivered with hue and cry of insurgent country, blues and lounge noir. Sunday's music starts the bluegrass theme with “Don't Tell Bob,” five members of the Washington Chorus who play bluegrass on the sly. The Scrub Pines follow with alt-country, then Hillbilly Junction will show good country and blugrass picking. Banjer Dan, the banjo man, pulls out his banjo-pickin' stops for the last of the country-bluegrass music of the day ([Banjerdan.com](http://Banjerdan.com)). Magic Ray Jazz ([www.geocities.com/magicrayjazz](http://www.geocities.com/magicrayjazz)) cruises into Sunday evening and closes the festival with acoustic jazz standards. Stick around until 7 p.m. for the first Sunday art opening featuring Sarah Craze (front room) and Ted Kliman (back room). Free munchies! Roosevelt Center is located at Crescent and Southway Roads with the New Deal Café at 113 Centerway, 301-474-5642, [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com). This concert is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts and is made possible by support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

# Boating Safety Class Coming to Bowie

Starting October 16 at 6:30 p.m. safe boating instructions will be provided by members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 73 of Davidsonville/Bowie. The boating and seamanship course will be held at Bowie High School and will include 14 sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This course meets Maryland state requirements for a Safe Boating Education Certificate. While the course itself is free, there is a fee for materials and expenses. Navigation tools will be offered for sale in the class. Topics included will be types of boats, safe boating equipment, trailering, boat handling, aids to navigation, inland boating, Maryland rules, piloting, engines, weather, marine radio, personal watercraft rules and water skiing rules. Come learn to be a more knowledgeable boater to assure safety for boater, family and friends. Make boating experiences more enjoyable for everyone and find out about other free services offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Bowie High School is on Annapolis Road (Rt. 450) one mile east of Rt. 197. For questions or to pre-register call 301-332-1864 or email [fsope73@attglobal.net](mailto:fsope73@attglobal.net).

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# UMCP Class Project to Focus On Delegate Menes' Career

by Virginia Beauchamp

Beginning on the first Wednesday in October, residents will have the unique privilege of participating in the organization and recording of a substantial segment of Maryland history. Through a special class at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Maryland, participants will work with former Maryland State Delegate Pauline Menes in exploring the papers from her 40-year career in the state legislature. Menes hopes to complete an autobiography focusing on these transitional years in Maryland government, beginning when women as political actors at the state level were almost unknown, and those few were not taken seriously, to the present time when they carry legislative loads equal to those of their male colleagues. Among other things, Menes organized the first women's caucus in any state legislature, which became the model for similar caucuses in other states and for the female representatives in the U.S. Congress. At the end of her legislative career, Menes served as parliamentarian for the Maryland Assembly. The papers of her legislative career already reside in the Archives and Historical Manuscripts collections in Hornbake Library

at the University of Maryland in College Park, where class members will be able to undertake specific projects at their own convenience. They will explore ways to be of most service to Menes in this enterprise, whether through tracking particular issues within the state legislature or by taping and/or transcribing oral memoirs of herself or others who were significant in that history. The class will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3 when the group will meet with Delegate Menes. At that time individual members will be able to volunteer for the specific project each would like to undertake, either individually or possibly as part of a small working group. Three substantial collections of oral interviews with Menes are already part of the historical record and can provide context and historical background. Retired UMCP professor Virginia Beauchamp will lead this initiative. She frequently directed student research in oral history and historical documents of Maryland as a teacher in the University's General Honors Program. There is a fee and registration is required. For information call 301-314-2582 or email [ssimson@umd.edu](mailto:ssimson@umd.edu).

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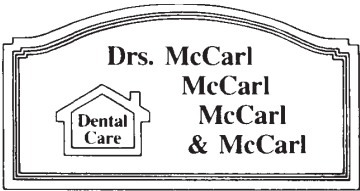


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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

**Kidnapping**

September 14, 9 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman reported that she was walking in the parking area of the center when a man, who is known to the victim, pulled up alongside her in a vehicle, displayed a handgun and ordered her into the vehicle. The man drove her to an unknown location in Baltimore and threatened her with the handgun while questioning her regarding an assault. He then drove her back to Greenbelt and dropped her off. On September 17 warrants were obtained charging Steven Gerald Hall, of no fixed address, with kidnapping, use of a handgun in a crime of violence, carrying a handgun, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, first-degree assault and second-degree assault. On September 19 Hall was located, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Robberies**

September 13, 9:30 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, the victims reported that they were in the hallway area of an apartment building when they were approached by a man, who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. One of the victims stated that she had no money and handed her purse to him. A neighbor opened her apartment door and walked into the hallway, at which time the man dropped the purse and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, tall and thin, with black hair and a dark complexion, wearing dark clothing. The incident was not reported until September 17.

September 17, 9:16 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a construction worker reported that he and others were working in an apartment building that had been closed for renovation when a man entered the unit where they were working. The man displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After getting money from one of the workers, he fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 22 to 26 years of age, 6', 180 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with white letters, black jeans, black shoes and a black mask.

September 17, 9:29 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, the victims reported that they were walking from a vehicle to a residence when they were approached from behind by four men, who sprayed the victims with a pepper-type spray and pushed them both to the ground and struck them several times. After taking a purse and a cell phone they fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" to 6", 150 to 200 pounds, black hair and brown eyes, wearing a

gray hooded sweatshirt with red, yellow and green markings and blue jeans; a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" to 6", 150 to 200 pounds, black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans; a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" to 6", 150 to 200 pounds, wearing blue jeans; and a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" to 6", 150 to 200 pounds, wearing blue jeans.

September 18, 8:43 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Terrace, a woman reported that she was walking up the steps of an apartment building when a man approached her from behind, grabbed her around the neck and demanded her keys and wallet. The woman screamed, at which time he fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 5'6" to 5'8", 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black shirt, dark pants and a black knit cap.

September 20, 6:15 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking through an apartment building to get to another building when he was approached by a man, who grabbed him while displaying a handgun. The suspect began to reach inside the man's pockets, at which time he attempted to run from the suspect. During the ensuing struggle, the suspect struck him in the head with the butt of the handgun. The victim broke free from the man, who fired a single shot at him but did not hit him. The suspect fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 6'4", 230 pounds with hair in dreadlocks, wearing a green hooded sweatshirt, white gloves, a black and red baseball cap and a mask. The victim was treated on the scene for a minor cut to his forehead.

**Assaults**

September 17, 6:09 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with second-degree assault on a police officer and resisting arrest when police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. A computer check revealed that the woman had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. She was advised that she was being placed under arrest and, as they attempted to handcuff her, she punched an officer in the chest and also punched a second officer who was on the scene. The woman had to be forcibly taken into custody and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 20, 7:28 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a plaza security officer reported that she confronted a youth, who had been acting disorderly inside the mall, and

told him that he had to leave the property. The youth punched her in the face and fled the scene on foot. The security officer refused treatment for a minor injury. The suspect is described as a black male 15 to 16 years of age, 5'5", 135 pounds, with black hair in dreadlocks and brown eyes, wearing a tan fishing type hat, an orange and blue striped shirt and blue jeans.

**Drug Arrests**

September 17, 11:33 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police saw three suspicious people on foot in a parking lot. Upon approaching them, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana coming from the man. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana and was released on citation pending trial.

September 18, 10:28 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after police stopped the man during a theft investigation. Upon approaching him police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana and he was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Disorderly Conduct**

September 15, 5:01 p.m., Roosevelt Center, police responded to a report of a person shouting profanities and attempting to fight with people at random. A resident woman was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

September 15, 9:57 p.m., Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of a possible fight. The man was located inside an apartment building shouting profanities and was advised to cease his actions. Police responded a short time later to a report of the same man now outside yelling; he was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

**Trespass**

September 16, 1:13 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass. Police responded to a report of a woman refusing to leave Bennigan's Restaurant at the request of management. She was again told to leave by police and was arrested when she refused. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

**Vandalism**

September 16, 1:13 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a woman reported that she saw three juveniles use a chair to break out the sliding glass door of a

residence, then flee the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males 6 to 8 years old, wearing a red shirts and a black male 6 to 8 years old, wearing a black shirt.

September 16, 2:18 p.m., Roosevelt Center, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti inside and outside of the pedestrian underpass.

**Burglaries**

September 19, 4:13 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, the victims reported that they were asleep in their apartment when they heard noise coming from the living room. They saw two males leaving their apartment carrying away a video game player and video games. Entry appeared to have been gained by way of an unsecured patio door. The suspects are described as a black male, wearing a white T-shirt, jeans and a white rag on his head and a black male, wearing a black shirt and dark pants.

September 19, 4:24 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a the residence. A DVD/CD player was taken.

September 19, 4:50 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in a vacant apartment. Two men had left before police arrived. The suspects are described as a black male 20 to 23 years of age, tall and thin with black hair in braids and brown eyes, wearing a white shirt, and a black male, 20 to 23 years of age with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a dark shirt and dark pants.

**Vehicle Crimes**

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 1999 Dodge Caravan from Beltway Plaza and a 1996 Honda Civic hatchback from 8 Court Southway. The two vehicles were recovered by Prince George's Police with no arrests made.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road (four incidents), 8100 block Mandan Terrace, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, 100 block Greenhill, 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Lane (three incidents), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents), 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza.

**Stolen Auto Arrest**

September 19, Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft of an auto over \$500. Police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation and a computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to Montgomery County police. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Police Report Results Of Sobriety Checks

On Friday, September 21 Greenbelt police and police officers from the nearby jurisdictions of Mt. Rainier, Hyattsville and Laurel as well as the Maryland State Police conducted sobriety checks as part of the national campaign Checkpoint Strikeforce to reduce impaired driving. The checkpoint was in the 6900 block of Greenbelt Road. Similar checkpoints with cross-jurisdictional support were also conducted in other areas.

Police report that 811 vehicles passed through the Greenbelt Road checkpoint during the surveillance. Twelve suspected impaired drivers were stopped. The resulting arrests included five DUI/DWI arrests, one suspended/revoked license arrest, two drug charges and one charge of driving without a license.

## Public Safety Master Plan Hearing Oct. 2

The 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan for Prince George's County calls for four new police stations, 20 fire and emergency service stations, a new headquarters for the Sheriff's department and a public safety training facility. The plan also recommends renovations to other police and fire stations. There will be a public hearing on the plan on Tuesday, October 2.

The plan, prepared by the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), updates the 1990 plan. It addresses the facility needs of the county's fire and Emergency Medical Services department, police department, M-NCPPC park police and Office of the Sheriff as well as the Department of Corrections and Office of Emergency Management. It proposes standards for determining future locations for new police, corrections, fire and emergency medical services and rescue facilities in the county. The 2007 master plan also reflects the ideas and suggestions of county citizens and representatives of business, civic and community groups, public agencies and municipalities that participated in a series of community meetings and public forums to develop the plan over a two-year period.

To obtain public comment on the plan, the Planning Board and the Prince George's County Council have scheduled a joint hearing on Tuesday, October 2. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the First Floor Council Hearing Room at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro. Anyone wishing to speak at the hearing should contact the M-NCPPC Public Affairs Office in advance at 301-952-4584, TTY 301-952-3796 or by email at PublicAffairs@ppd.mncppc.org to register.

Free copies of the 2007 plan are available to the public at the County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, at the M-NCPPC Information Counter, Lower Level and Office of the Clerk of the County Council, Second Floor, Greenbelt library and online at [www.mncppc.org/pgco](http://www.mncppc.org/pgco).

To obtain a copy of the Summary of Recommendations call the Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584. For more information call the M-NCPPC Countywide Planning Office at 301-952-3680, TTY 301-952-3796.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*



WINNERS continued from page 1



Gelila Mesfin

chapter of Students Against Drunk Drivers. She is also in “Model UN,” a group that presents a mock United Nations and writes feature articles for the ERHS Raider Review.

In addition, as part of being Miss Greenbelt, Mesfin will need to decide on a platform. She has narrowed her choices to a project involving either AIDS or obstetric fistula in Africa. She will be busy, and understandably, if things get too hard, the job will be the first thing to go.

Mesfin is Ethiopian and the first generation of her family to be born in the United States. She says this “led to a whole stream of questions” in her interview with the judges this year: “We went through so many questions and talked so fast that it became a conversation. I don’t remember half of the questions!”

For Miss Greenbelt contestants, the private interview with the judges counts for the largest percentage of points and, according to Mesfin, “my interview last year was so much better.”

Similarly, the onstage question that each contestant is asked the night of the crowning can be stressful and Mesfin claims she got the question “no one wanted” regarding teenagers and sexual activity. Although given the questions one week in advance to prepare their answers, each contestant worried about getting this particular one.

Mesfin’s poise throughout her private interview and her onstage presence helped her earn this year’s title. When asked about her fellow contestants, Mesfin states that “everyone is pretty normal” and that the girls had a fun time together. “They’re not ‘pageant girls,’ and they recognize that this is not a beauty pageant. Otherwise, the community probably wouldn’t take it seriously,” she said.

Mesfin has one brother, who is nine years old. “He doesn’t believe I’m Miss Greenbelt because I’m his sister,” says Mesfin, “but I’ve seen him put on my crown and wear it around the house.”

Says Mesfin’s father of the night she was crowned, “I was stunned. I didn’t expect her to win and my wife cried.” As she was being crowned and her family was happily crying her brother looked around and asked, “Why are you all crying? You should be happy!”

After high school, Mesfin would like to major in foreign affairs. Although she feels it would be nice to stay in Maryland (Mesfin was born and raised in Greenbelt), she is interested not only in the University of Maryland but also Boston University. Her parents are adamant that she focus on school and not



Julie Houchens

let other activities get in the way of her studies.

Mesfin would encourage others to participate in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. While she doesn’t deny that it can be stressful and time-consuming, she says, “I can look back and say, ‘I spent my summer doing the Miss Greenbelt Pageant.’”

When asked if she had a mentor or role model, Mesfin states with energy that her role model is Oprah Winfrey. “She’s done so many amazing things,” Mesfin says, and if her own efforts pan out, she will do some amazing things, too.

She knows that being Miss Greenbelt puts her in the position to be a mentor or role model and she wants to be a “nice, good person” that other people will admire. Quite possibly, she will fulfill this role for two other very special people, Julie Houchens and Jade Kienas.

**Junior Miss Greenbelt**

Julie Houchens is a freshman at ERHS, where she is currently a member of the Junior Varsity volleyball team. With practice or a game each night of the week in addition to studies, Houchens knows she will be busy this year as Junior Miss Greenbelt. She also knows that she will always be watched in her public role and hopes to “try to set a good example” for other girls. “There are lots of events and I want to be respectful and polite and hopefully teach younger girls how young ladies should act.” She’s not quite sure how she will balance the required appearances with everything else but states that her pageant obligations would come before sports or other extra-curricular activities. Hoping to continue with athletics, however, following the volleyball season, Houchens hopes to make the JV softball team.

Houchens’ sister, Samantha was 2nd Runner-up in 2005 in the Little Miss Greenbelt Pageant. After quite a bit of urging, tomboy Julie finally entered in 2005 and then won 2nd Runner-up in 2006. In addition to winning Junior Miss Greenbelt 2007, Houchens was given the award for Most Photogenic.

When asked what thoughts were running through her mind as the names of the runners-up were being announced this year, Houchens said, “I didn’t know if it was going to be me or if I was just out of it [the running] then.” At 13, Houchens seems to have a smart blend of humility and confidence.

Houchens says that by this year, her third participating in the pageant, she was more relaxed with the judges in the private interview. “It was more a conversation this year than hard



Jade Kienas

work,” she says, “and they were very non-threatening and down-to-earth.”

For her onstage question, Houchens was asked, “What do you hope to accomplish in the next five years?” She answered that she wanted to be on the Varsity volleyball and softball teams at ERHS, get good grades on her senior thesis and get accepted into a good college. Houchens is thinking about going into pediatrics as she wants to do something that combines kids and science.

Of pageant directors Natasha Jewell and Christine Lebhar, Houchens says that they are “so sweet” and that “nothing would get done without them.” Houchens is excited about spending her year as Junior Miss Greenbelt with Mesfin – the big sister – and Kienas – the little sister. This is an aspect of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant system that might get overlooked: Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt truly can become as close as sisters.

According to Houchens, the best thing about becoming a teenager is the fact that you gain a little more freedom. “I didn’t have to have my mom with me at all times at the Labor Day Festival,” she says. The hardest thing, though, is that “more is expected of you and you have to be more mature and take on more responsibility.” Her year as Junior Miss Greenbelt, coming simultaneously with her first year in high school, certainly will be a test of her maturity and responsibility.

Houchens’ role model is her mother, Kathy. On crowning night, Houchens says, “Mom was spazzing.” Houchens’ mom claims she was “eating Twizzlers like crazy” watching the Sunday night festivities. As 1st Runner-up Alexis Thompson was announced, Houchens thought, “Oh my gosh, there’s only one spot left!”

It’s easy to see that not only is Houchens’ mother proud of her daughter but also that they are friends. Houchens says her family is very supportive; her older brother was responsible for making sure her cheering section was the biggest and the loudest.

In addition to the Miss Greenbelt Pageant activities that took place throughout the summer, Houchens attended many camps, in basketball and volleyball plus River Valley Ranch in western Maryland, a Christian camp that can also be dubbed an “adventure camp.” It’s good that she enjoys meeting other people; she will get to do more than enough of that as she fulfills her role as Junior Miss Greenbelt.

**Little Miss Greenbelt**

After watching her sister, Jazmin, participate in the Junior Miss Greenbelt Pageant, Jade

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Observatory Is Now Finished at Northway



Finishing touches positioned the J-bolts in place in order to prepare the new foundation on Observatory Hill to accept the observatory building. Stairs were built before the telescope was put in place on the central pier. The finished observatory is now in place at the end of Northway across from the ball fields.

- photo by Doug Love

Kienas became interested and in 2006 competed for the first time and won Most Photogenic and 1st Runner-up to Little Miss Greenbelt Molly Jankowski. This year, as the Little Miss Greenbelt Court was being announced, Kienas “kept thinking that someone else was going to win but that maybe it would be me.”

Older sister, Jazmin, Junior Miss Greenbelt 2006, who was on stage handing out awards, says, “It went too fast,” and, before she knew it, her sister was crowned.

Kienas’ favorite things about being Little Miss Greenbelt are that she’ll get to take pictures with Santa Claus. Kienas proudly explains the pages of a memory book that belongs to her sister, Jazmin, who was Junior Miss Greenbelt 2006.

The book was made by Kimberly Wynkoop, Miss Greenbelt 2006, and chronicles the year that Wynkoop, Kienas and Jankowski spent in their roles. Pointing out the fun Halloween event, Kienas is happy to say that she is going to be “Hannah Montana” for Halloween at the Community Center.

Over the summer, Kienas spent a lot of time at the pool where she was on the swim team and enjoyed going to Ocean City, where she rode the upside-down roller coaster. Kienas seems to like thrill rides – her favorite ride at the Labor Day Festival was the Sea Ray, which she says she rode “a million times” although she “wished it went upside-down.”

There was a lot of preparation for the pageant this summer, too, and the contestants met weekly to practice their dancing and modeling. They also did mock interviews with Jewell and Lebhar to prepare for the private interviews with the judges. Kienas really liked Shawn Pittman and Devin Fendlay, who helped with the dancing the pageant contestants did on stage and says that her experience overall was fun.

Kienas also went to Talent

Machine Camp over the summer and had lots of sleep-overs with her friends. She wants to play basketball in the fall as well as volleyball and tennis plus take ice-skating lessons. All in all, Kienas enjoyed her fun and busy summer and knows that she’ll be busy this upcoming year.

She’ll have to balance her Little Miss Greenbelt responsibilities with school, Girl Scouts, Destination Imagination and dance classes.

Kienas has “the pageant wave” perfected and smiles brightly as she demonstrates it. By the time she had ridden in the Labor Day Parade this year, she had waved to many people and was tired. The girls “had to take a lot of pictures” at the after-party at the American Legion following the crowning and Kienas was tired and “wanted to go home.” A lot goes on for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant contestants on Labor Day weekend and when one is seven years old, it can be overwhelming.

Kienas would like to be a teacher when she grows up but says, although she’s “an artist,” she doesn’t want to teach art. This Yorktown Elementary School 2nd-grader will turn eight in October, so she’s got some time to figure out what she wants to teach. In the meantime, she just wants to be Little Miss Greenbelt and stay as busy as she can.

As part of their roles, Mesfin, Houchens and Kienas will be required to make two appearances each month, beginning with the Fall Fest at Schrom Hills on Saturday, October 6. Says pageant director Jewell, “I’m looking forward to working with Gelila, Julie and Jade. They all have a lot of energy and will be a lot of fun.” Understanding that this particular pageant is about having fun and building friendships and community bonds, this trio of queens have eagerly taken on their roles and are ready to represent Greenbelt.



# Film Featuring Greenbelt Gets Live Score Plus Tour

by Sandra A. Lange

A live musical accompaniment of Aaron Copeland’s score to the 1939 American documentary film “The City” will be performed at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 14, at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland (UMD), College Park campus. The Post-Classical Ensemble will play the entire score during the screening of the film.

The event will culminate in a field trip to Greenbelt for a panel discussion, tours of the Greenbelt Museum and a reception catered by Chef Lou. There is a fee for the performance at UMD; all events at the Community Center in Greenbelt are free with a performance ticket and to the public on a space-available basis.

“The City” has special significance to Greenbelt because many of the scenes were filmed in the town using local children as actors. Pioneer Bob Summers has a cameo role as the boy pumping a bicycle tire. The film shows Greenbelt’s happy children living in a clean suburban garden community in contrast with grimy-faced children playing in gutters who live in filthy slums in the cities.

The American Institute of Planners commissioned the film to be shown at the 1939 New York World’s Fair. The film was meant to raise questions about the quality of life in American cities and to show improved living conditions in the suburbs. It was designed to inspire hope in the world of tomorrow following the despair of the Great Depression.

“The City” features a stellar production crew with renowned film directors Willard Van Dyke and Ralph Steiner, narration from noted city planner Lewis Mumford and a musical score from the up-and-coming young composer Aaron Copeland. The Los Angeles Times commented that “The City” is “an astonishing missing link not only in the genesis of Copeland’s Americana style but in American music and cinema.”

Documentary filmmaker George Stoney, UMD faculty members Isabelle Gournay and Jim Cohen and music historian Joseph Horowitz will provide context and connections to the film, to Copland’s style and to the film’s utopian ideal epitomized by Greenbelt.

## On to Greenbelt

In an unusual twist for UMD programs, audience members will be bused to Greenbelt following the performance, expected to last until 4:15 p.m. Ruth Waalkes, director of Artistic Initiatives, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, stated that she was excited about the collaboration between the local community and the university.

“One of our core goals,” she said, “is to serve people beyond the campus. This program is more than just music – it is also social commentary,” she added. She savored the idea of connecting the university with film, music, city planning and local history.

Those who take the bus (free with a performance ticket) or drive their cars to Greenbelt, will choose from an array of attractions. They may visit artist

## Background

Following the Great Depression in the 1930s, the federal government hired many artists, photographers and filmmakers to keep America informed and shape public opinion about the New Deal programs developed during President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration. The Resettlement Administration (RA) was founded in 1935 with Rexford Guy Tugwell as its administrator.

It was under Tugwell that Greenbelt was constructed under a program to build three “greentowns.” The greentowns would demonstrate innovative suburban construction and planning techniques, employ thousands of relief workers and emphasize certain social ideas consistent with the idealized goals of the New Deal.

Tugwell envisioned a better life for American citizens through improved social conditions. He employed these planning principles in constructing Greenbelt in 1937.

The United States Film Service (USFS) began in 1938 under Tugwell’s direction in the RA. It lasted for only two years before Congress cut off funding. During that time, however, it produced a number of documentary films with social and political messages.

The American Institute of Planners hired the USFS to produce a film for the 1939 World’s Fair. That film, “The City,” shows Americans taking control of the machine to build better communities. People reclaim their pastoral past to create ideal small suburban cities.

Written by the famed filmmaker Pare Lorentz, the film combines powerful visuals with evocative music. It has become an American classic.

studios in the Community Center, explore the city on foot, tour the Greenbelt Museum and the “Sublime on a Dime” exhibition or attend a panel discussion entitled “Old Greenbelt: Living Up to the Propaganda.”

The panel discussion features UMD faculty members Isabelle Gournay and Jim Cohen and others from the Schools of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. The bus will return to the UMD campus by 6:30 p.m. A number of Greenbelt pioneers also will attend the event.

To reserve performance tickets, contact the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at 301-405-8151 or [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu). To reserve space at the post-performance field trip to Greenbelt, RSVP to 301-405-5974 or [lrabuck@umd.edu](mailto:lrabuck@umd.edu).

# Artful Afternoon Celebrates Museum at 20

The Artful Afternoon to be held on Sunday, October 7 will be a swinging celebration of the art and culture of the 1930s and \*40s and the history of Greenbelt. Featured at this month’s Artful Afternoon in addition to live music and dancing with the Big Band Tradition will be a hands-on workshop making commemorative art tiles with Artist-in-residence Mary Gawlik, an exhibit reception for the museum collection “Recent Relics: Highlights from the Greenbelt Museum” and videotaped oral histories with Joe Harris. Continuing traditions include open studios with artists-in-residence, open art gallery and historical exhibits.

Artful Afternoons are free, suitable for all ages and held at the Community Center on the first Sunday of each month.

## Big Band Dance

From 3 to 5 p.m., the Community Center gym will be transformed into a dance hall with a live performance by the 16-piece Big Band Tradition. Hailing from Silver Spring this large group boasts an extensive repertoire with selections from Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich and even the New Swing of Brian Setzer. The band has also been known to throw in a few original compositions to round out the mix. Guest Dance Instructor Catherine Noblitt will provide a group dance lesson from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

## Museum

Stretch before the big dance with a walking tour provided by the Greenbelt Museum. This 45-minute guided tour will depart from the Community Center at 2:15 p.m. to visit sites including Roosevelt Center, inner walkways, underpasses and the museum’s historic home. The tour provides an introduction to Greenbelt for visitors and promises to better acquaint residents with the city. Visitors with limited mobility or requiring special assistance are encouraged to contact Curator Jill St. John in advance of the event at 301-507-6582.

## Tile Art Project

From 1 to 4 p.m. join Artist-in-residence Mary Gawlik to create a commemorative art tile. Learn about the beloved friezes by artist Lenore Thomas that adorn the front of the Community Center, then let imaginations soar. Advance registration is not required and no prior experience with ceramics or tile making is needed. Tiles will be fired and made available for pick-up at a later date.

## Museum Anniversary

The Greenbelt Museum is turning 20 and all are invited to join the party!

From 1 to 3 p.m. visit the opening of a new exhibit of Greenbelt Museum artifacts in the Community Center Art Gallery. The show “Recent Relics” includes many hands-on displays and emphasizes the work that museums do in solving the riddles posed by mysterious artifacts of a by-gone era. Visitors are challenged to see how many objects they can correctly identify. Hear from the curators at a short Greenbelt Museum gallery talk at 1:30 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through November 25. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday whenever the room is not reserved. To confirm



**Guest Dance Instrutor Catherine Noblitt demonstrates beautiful moves in Big Band-era dance. She will lead a group dance lesson for the first half-hour of the Big Band dance hall from 3 to 5 p.m. at the October 7 Artful Afternoon**

access call 301-397-2208.

Artful Afternoon attendees may visit the Greenbelt Museum’s new ongoing exhibition “Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II” at the Greenbelt Community Center. Also available are tours of the museum’s historic home located just across the street at 10-B Crescent Road. The museum house is a restored international-style home featuring furniture designed by the federal government for the original Greenbelt homes along with other artifacts illuminating everyday, middle-class life of the 1930s and \*40s. Guided tours of the home will be available free of charge for this special anniversary occasion.

For information about additional events celebrating the Greenbelt Museum’s 20th Anniversary, visit the city website at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov) or call 301-507-6582.

## Oral Histories

Every Greenbelter has a story to tell – this is a chance to get that story on the record. Archivist Joe Harris will be coordinating video-recorded oral histories from 1 to 5 p.m. Greenbelters

of all eras are welcome to participate and a special invitation is extended to longtime residents. Advance appointments are recommended although walk-ins will be accommodated as the schedule permits. Call Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057 before Thursday, October 4 to make an appointment.

Additional activities continue from 1 to 5 p.m. including open studios with the 10 artists-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center. See paintings, collages, sculptures, fiber arts, tiles, pottery and more, with much of the displayed artwork available for purchase. Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center with hands-on art projects, performances, open studios and more. These award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt with support from the Maryland State Arts Council. For more information about Artful Afternoons and other upcoming events and classes, visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts) or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

# Deasy Holds Public Budget Hearing Oct. 1

Prince George’s County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy will host a public hearing for parents and the community on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 school system operating budget on Monday, October 1 at 7 p.m. at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro.

This process will assist in developing the FY09 Proposed Operating Budget for the school system covering the school year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

All interested in speaking at the public hearing should call 301-952-6382 before 4 p.m. on the day of the hearing to register. Each speaker will be given two minutes to express his or her

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Greener Greenbelt Initiative: Your Ideas, Our Future

Your Ideas - Expressed through a visioning process to help make Old Greenbelt even better than it is now. The original community is now 70 years old.

Our Future - Brainstorming together about what we can do to make things better; not only for tomorrow, but over the next 30 years - for Greenbelt's 100th anniversary.

Working in partnership, GHI and the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter (AIA-PV) are seeking input from residents about what features of their homes and community they would like to see improved.

*Come for an hour, a day, or the whole weekend!  
Your ideas are vital to our community's future!*

The Charrette

The charrette is a highly interactive event in which residents, business and civic leaders, and design professionals come together to consider viable options for the future of our community. Through data, discussion and drawings — we will develop a long-range plan that reflects a shared vision. The Greener Greenbelt Initiative is about Greenbelt's sustainability, livability, affordability, and historic preservation, and the charrette will be organized into 4 focus areas or scales:

- 1) GHI units, courts, and grounds
- 2) The Roosevelt Center area – the shopping plaza, library, fields, municipal buildings, etc.
- 3) Old Greenbelt - the residential areas, open spaces, woodlands, and lake
- 4) Greater Greenbelt - the issues affecting our entire city and region (e.g. transportation, schools, watersheds, growth and development, etc)

10 Principles of Livable Communities

- Design on a Human Scale
- Provide Choices
- Encourage Mixed-Use Development
- Preserve Urban Centers
- Vary Transportation Options
- Build Vibrant Public Spaces
- Create a Neighborhood Identity
- Protect Environmental Resources
- Conserve Landscapes
- Design Matters

From American Institute of Architects Communities by Design

Schedule of Events

Friday Night, September 28th

- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Registration
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Opening Plenary
  - Welcome & Introductions
  - Overview of charrette process & schedule
  - Introduction of charrette themes
  - Introduction of focus session scales & topics
  - Panel discussion: What makes communities sustainable?

Saturday, September 29th

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Roundtable Discussions
  - GHI Units, Courts & Ground
  - Roosevelt Center Area
  - Old Greenbelt
  - Greater Greenbelt & Region
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Plenary Session - Reporting of focus session discussions
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch & Keynote Speaker (Lunch Provided \*See Below)
  - A Special Keynote speaker will speak about a topic related to Greenbelt and the Charrette
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Scenario Planning Sessions
  - GHI Units, Courts & Grounds
  - Roosevelt Center Area
  - Old Greenbelt
  - Greater Greenbelt & Region
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner break (on your own)
- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Plenary Session - Reporting of focus topic scenarios

**Children's Charrette**  
8:30 to 11:00 am, Saturday  
Elementary aged students are welcome to join this special session while parents and guardians attend the main program.

Sunday, September 30th

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Organizing of synthesis workshop topics & teams
- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Synthesis workshops
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch break (on your own)
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Closing Plenary
  - Reporting out of synthesis sessions
  - Summary of charrette discussions & recommendations
  - Overview of charrette follow-up
- 2:30 PM Adjournment of Charrette

Additional Information:

- [www.greengreenbelt.org](http://www.greengreenbelt.org) or Jim Cohen 301-405-6795, [jimcohen@umd.edu](mailto:jimcohen@umd.edu).
- For hearing-impaired attendees, please contact Dionne Collins by 9/24 to arrange Interpretation, 301-474-4161 x 0 or [dcollins@ghi.coop](mailto:dcollins@ghi.coop).
- Transportation to Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road via Metro Bus R12 or T16/17 on Friday and Saturday. Call-A-Bus 301-499-8603(M-F). Sunday via Greenbelt Connection at 301-474-4100, or Metro Access.
- Child Care - not provided. A charrette for elementary school aged children will occur on Saturday 8:30 to 11:00 am.
- Lunch provided free on Saturday, Sept. 29th for all charrette participants. \*Please call 301-474-4161 x 0 by 9/25 to reserve your free lunch.



Thank you to the City of Greenbelt, MNCPPC, Prince Georges County, Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Museum, News Review, UMD, and COOP Grocery Store for the support and information that went into putting this event together.

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